

THE WEATHER
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PINGNOT RIPS KEPHART DENIAL OF STATE LOSS

"Some One Got Interest Due State," Forester Insists as Experts Expose New Facts

ALTER'S "DO-NOTHING" POLICY IS RECALLED
Failure to Protect State in Other Scandals Reviewed by Senator Long

WHO GOT CASH? IS QUESTION
Candidate Promises Cloak Will Be Pulled From Crafters' Hiding Place Soon

What "Blasts" From Lewis Have Shown in Treasury

Blast No. 1.—That State funds were juggled in the interest of politicians. That bank deposits and State books did not agree.

Blast No. 2.—That "somebody" managed to "get" some \$25,000 of State funds in check juggling.

Blast No. 3.—That delay in depositing \$729,123 caused enormous loss to State.

And more to come:
Gifford Pinchot, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, declared that the latest revelations from Harrisburg prove that former State Treasurer Kephart had made a false statement when he said the Commonwealth had lost no money as a result of the alleged bookkeeping discrepancies in the State Treasurer's office.

"At last," said the former Forester, "we are getting at the milk in the coconut. Every one knew that some definite purpose lay behind the juggling of State funds, but until the third issue of the report of the expert accountants was made public this morning we could do no more than guess at the reason."

"Now we can go beyond guessing. We know at last positively that funds paid into the State were not deposited where they should have been for the benefit of the State, and that somebody else was using them in the meantime. The assertion that the State Treasury lost nothing is shown to be false. It did lose interest at least, and if the State lost interest, somebody else got it. Who got it has not yet been shown. If it is not shown before the first of next January it will be afterward. The fault for all this lies not mainly with the individuals who juggled the account or held up the State deposits, but with the system of which they were mere instruments."

State Long Has Been Victim
That system has long been using the State's money, the State's time and the State's government in general for the personal advantage of its members. What the people have long suspected now they know. The system is behind my opponent. The system put him in the race as its candidate. The system hopes for his election in order that it may continue. I think it is time to call a halt and make a change."

Senator D. Edward Long, campaign manager for Mr. Pinchot, discussing the revelations made by the Auditor-General, declared that the Sprunt-Vare-Ledlie-Eyre combination could not be depended upon to carry on the investigation begun by Mr. Lewis.

"Several years ago," said Senator Long, "an employee of the Department of Forestry, who had been with the department for several years, went wrong and attempted to get away with about \$200,000 of State funds. His effort was discovered promptly by Commissioner Pinchot, the facts were made public at once, full restitution to the Commonwealth was obtained, a criminal audit followed and the case in detail was submitted to the Governor and the Attorney General for action."

How About Brindle Case?
Harry L. Brindle, a clerk under Auditor-General Snyder, embezzled some \$80,000 of State funds. He confessed. The facts were laid before the Attorney General.

"It has been discovered that the former State Treasurer, now Deputy Treasurer, was apparently short in his accounts."

PAST PERFORMANCES

THE way a man has acted at important crises in the past is a pretty safe guide to the way he will act in the future.

Both Alter and Pinchot say they will expose and eradicate evil conditions on Capitol Hill. Pinchot is saying it a great deal harder and much more specifically than Alter. But, accepting both pledges at face value, it is informing to see what each man did along such lines when the opportunity to "clean up messes" faced him heretofore.

When Pinchot was Chief Federal Forester he discovered what he believed was a plot to defraud the Government out of vast mineral rights in Alaska by legislative and departmental juggling. Powerful interests were involved, interests that the average man would not have the courage to antagonize. But Pinchot did not hesitate after making up his mind that the scheme was wrong. He exposed it, and, though it cost him his official job, he saved those rights for the public. That was the Ballinger case.

Six months ago it was shown that political attorneys were employed and paid fees to settle tax cases in defiance of a plain law declaring that this should not be done without approval of the Attorney General. No such approval was obtained. The facts were put before Alter as Attorney General so that he could not evade them. It was his duty to sue to recover those illegal fees. But to do so would hurt a group of machine leaders now actively supporting him. So he didn't. That is the Snyder case.

Which man stood the test best? Think about this before voting next Tuesday!

TRUCE IN EASTERN EUROPE PROPOSED

Britain Suggests Peace Plan at Genoa as France Balks at Russia's Ideas

Genoa, May 12.—The fate of the Economic Conference hangs in the balance today, following Russia's reply to the allied memorandum. Out or confusion into which the answer has cast the conference, these salient facts developed:

First, The French delegation issued a statement saying that France will never agree to the Russian project for a mixed commission, sitting indefinitely, while the conference is going on, to study Russian affairs.

Second, Great Britain proposed a truce in Eastern Europe, on the basis of the de facto frontiers, pending the conclusion of a commission of inquiry to be appointed.

It is believed that a statement of the British view on the Russian reply terms the document "very stupid from the viewpoint of Russian interests, but says nothing about the appointment of an international committee to examine the Russian question, without the Russians having a place on the committee, which might report to some later conference."

The British statement added: "Regarding the other aspect of the Russian document, namely the peace of Europe, this affords a satisfactory basis for further negotiations. To break on this document would mean that the States bordering on Russia might be exposed to the dangers of war, and peace be fundamentally disturbed."

HUSTER BOWS TO AX

Demoted Police Lieutenant Agrees to Resign From Force

Lieutenant Frank Huster, who refused to resign yesterday after an order issued by Director Cortelyou, "firing" three lieutenants and was subsequently demoted to patrolman, informed the Mayor today that he would resign, and he will be granted the right to resign as a lieutenant.

Pinchot's Hot Broadside Nails Kephart Denials

"Kephart made a false statement when he said the Commonwealth lost no money."

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BERLIN PLEADS HERE FOR LOAN

First Official Presentation of German Case Since War Made by Karl Lang

ADDRESSES ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AT BELLEVUE

Austrian Charge d'Affaires Says U. S. Participation in Europe Is Only Hope

For the first time since the war spoken for our two late enemies, the Germans and Austrians, came forward in the role of apologists and pleaders to address an American audience.

They are Karl Lang, Charge d'Affaires of the German Embassy, and L. G. Ediger Prochnick, present head of the Austrian delegation at Washington. They spoke before the American Academy of Social and Political Science in the Bellevue-Stratford.

The delegates, students, teachers and others who were present listened with impressive attention as each made his argument. The two arguments were in essence alike, they were both for the revitalization of Europe, to which the United States is not at least spiritually committed, is doomed to failure.

Her Lang, a well-dressed man, with knotted brows and a mustache, sat with his eyes closed and his long thin hands drooping in melancholy fashion in his lap.

Proposes Reparations "Holiday"
When he rose to speak he began in a low and seemingly diffident voice, heavily colored with accents. Many had difficulty in following his words.

All understood, however, after his argument had proceeded a few minutes that he was proposing what he called a "reparations holiday" and credits from the United States.

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Civil War Hero Dies

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Colonel Sylvester Bonnaffon Dies in 79th Year



COL. SYLVESTER BONNAFFON WAS AWARDED CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR FOR CONSPICUOUS BRAVERY, AND WAS FIRST COMMANDER OF THE OLD THIRD REGIMENT

Decorated for Civil War Bravery and Third Regiment's First Chief Colonel Sylvester Bonnaffon, Jr., formerly cashier of the Custom House and a Civil War veteran with a brilliant war record, died today at his home, 3439 Walnut street. He was seventy-eight years old.

Colonel Bonnaffon was the first commander of the old Third Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard.

His military career began August 20, 1862, as cashier of the Custom House, after serving there thirty years as examiner, assistant cashier and cashier.

Two of the colonel's sons, Commander Edmund W. Bonnaffon and Captain Sylvester Bonnaffon, 3d, served in the World War.

GIRL CHECKS BLAZE ON ATTERBURY FARM

Her Quick Action Prevents Spread From Barn—\$40,000 Loss

Through the quick action of Helen Gallagher, thirteen years old, fire, which destroyed the barn of W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania Telephone Company, this morning was prevented from spreading to adjoining buildings.

The fire started at 3 o'clock and again at 11, causing \$40,000 loss.

Miss Gallagher, who is a daughter of one of the owners, was awakened by smoke pouring into her bedroom window. After arising, her father she telephoned the Radium Fire Company.

After battling five hours the firemen apparatus had conquered the blaze, but at 11 o'clock it started again and several companies were summoned. The fire was extinguished finally by 1 o'clock. Mr. Atterbury is in Europe.

PEGGY JOYCE INDIGNANT AT BAN BY MOVIE MAGNATES

Actress, Arriving in New York, Denies Blame in Errazuriz Suicide

New York, May 12.—(By A. P.) Peggy Joyce, actress, returned today from France on the Mauretania, but over with indignation when, on the trip up the harbor from quarantine, she was shown a Washington dispatch stating that the motion picture theatre owners of America had banned any films in which she might be featured.

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HELD DAUGHTER OVER HOT STOVE

"Human Brute," Says Magistrate to Man Who Thus Punishes Girl of Seven

SHOULD BE HORSEWHIPPED, ANGRY 'JUDGE' INFORMS HIM

Shipworker, Who Declares He's Sorry, Put on Year's Probation—Child's Legs Seared

You're a human brute, and ought to be horsewhipped until the blood streams down your shoulders," said Magistrate Holland today to Charles Weber, a shipyard employee, of 2527 Sepviva street, accused of having burned his seven-year-old daughter Alberta as a corrective.

Weber was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Miss Mary McConnell, of the Society to Protect Children From Cruelty. He was charged that Weber had held the little girl over the hot points of a gas stove, after the flame had been turned out, and that in her struggles she had seared her legs behind the knee against the scorching metal.

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LAST-MINUTE NEWS

FRANKFORD "L" LEASE GIVEN STATE O. K.

The Public Service Commission this afternoon approved the lease between the city and the P. E. T. for the operation of the Frankford elevated as authorized by Council. W. D. B. Ainey, the chairman, said the Commission wished it understood that the certificate of convenience granted did not carry with it the Commission's approval of the present rate of fare.

HUNDREDS SHAKE HANDS WITH HARDING AT ELKTON

President Harding and his party, motoring from Washington to Seaview, N. J., near Atlantic City, arrived at Elkton, Md., at 1 o'clock this afternoon, where the President greeted thousands of people and the school children. Hundreds shook hands with him.

SENATE ORDERS PROBE OF STEEL MERGER

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Federal inquiry into reported plans for a merger of a number of the largest independent steel concerns, including the Bethlehem and Lackawanna companies, was ordered today by the Senate in adopting a resolution by Senator La Follette, calling upon the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission to take steps designed to prevent the combination.

THIEF AT BUZZY HOME CAPTURED UP BY ANGRY MOB

Youth Confesses Piffing 12 Men Arrested While Making House Where Shore Woman and Children Died

Atlantic City, May 12.—The police today arrested John Hill, alias James McCowan, 46, nineteen years old, giving addresses at Dallas, Tex., and Baltimore, in connection with the robbery of the home of Mrs. Edith Miller Buzzy, 102 South Trow avenue, some of the four tragic deaths early Tuesday morning, when Mrs. Buzzy, deranged by illness, turned on the gas, asphyxiating her three little daughters and herself.

Hill, who is now in the Sheriff's office, confessed that he had burgled the Buzzy home, and that he had taken the money which was hidden in the trunk of the automobile. He is held without bail. Hill reported himself to Mrs. Evelyn Stankov, agent for the house, as the cousin of Mrs. Buzzy and was admitted. Her suspicions were aroused later when she saw him leave with two big bundles in his arms. She notified the police.

Hill was taken into custody as a routine house at 2217 Pacific avenue. The stolen valuables were found hidden under the carpet beneath a bureau in his room.

Held Over Stove

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ALBERTA WEBER She was held over a hot stove by her father as punishment and her legs were seared. Alberta, who lives at 2527 Sepviva street, is seven years old

DR. RICHARDSON FINED

Head of Mary Ball Home Penalized \$100 on Cruelty Charge

Dr. Emma Richardson, founder and superintendent of the Mary J. Ball Home, Camden, was fined \$100 today by Judge Shays, on a charge of cruelty to one of his children.

Doctor Richardson's counsel made the point that she had been convicted within a jury trial, and that Judge Shays had no right to impose a fine when the defendant had been found guilty by his predecessor, Judge Kayes. They gave notice of appeal.

WILMINGTON FERRYBOAT IS HELD IN READINESS

President and Party on Way by Motor to Pass Week-End at Edge Home

Wilmington, Del., May 12.—President Harding and his party, on their way by motor to spend the week-end with Senator Edge, of Atlantic City, were expected to arrive here before noon, but, having left New Jersey, were held in readiness to meet the presidential party to Pennsylvania, N. J.

The departure of the President from Washington this morning was attended with great pomp, the route that was to be taken being held in readiness as far as possible until the last.

Though Wilmington was selected as the point from which the party would cross from Delaware to New Jersey, the fact that the President would here was not allowed to become generally known. There was no great crowd, therefore, to greet him at the Fourth street ferry landing. From Pennsylvania and his party, with their flying squadron of Secret Service men, were riding to the seashore.

Aboard the "Long Beach" everything was as quiet as a Sunday school. The ferry house was decorated also with flags, and there were many flags displayed along the water front. A detail of police, under Sergeant Devenish, were sent to keep order at the ferry and give whatever police protection might be necessary. Within the ferry house the clerks and stenographers, all fixed up in their best clothes, did little work as they waited excitedly for the presidential party to appear.

Visit to Be Brief
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The President, accompanied by Mrs. Harding and his secretary, George Christie, left the Hotel Hamilton shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. Mr. Harding will be the guest of Senator Edge over the week-end and while at the resort will motor over to the Seaview Club for a few rounds of golf.

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SECRETARY MARKS HARDING'S TRIP

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